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**Worksheet**  
**Determination of NEPA Adequacy (DNA)**  
U.S. Department of the Interior  
Bureau of Land Management

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**OFFICE:** Lake Havasu Field Office (LHFO) AZ-C030

**TRACKING NUMBER:** DOI-BLM-AZ-C030-2014-0035-DNA

**CASE FILE NUMBER:** AZA 24559

**PROPOSED ACTION TITLE/TYPE:** Telink Communication Site Lease Amendment

**LOCATION/LEGAL DESCRIPTION:** Site is located within the Harcuvar Mountains on Smith Peak, north of Aguila, Arizona, in La Paz County.

Gila and Salt River Meridian, Arizona  
T. 8 N., R. 11 W.  
Sec. 1, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ .  
Contains .23 of an acre, more or less.

**APPLICANT (if any):** Telink Networks Southwest LLC

**A. Description of the Proposed Action and any applicable mitigation measures:**

Communication Use Lease AZA 24559 is currently authorized and expires February 11, 2031. Telink requested an amendment to their lease to construct a new 180' tower, install equipment shelters, propane tanks and an access road to neighboring APS communication site on public land. Telink provided an updated plan of development and engineered drawings for the project. The requested amendment moves the existing location approximately 100 feet west and to cut a new access road for neighboring APS communication site to accommodate the new tower and equipment installation. All old equipment, tower and old access road will be removed and reseeded for reclamation. Any additional reclamation of site will be added to stipulations in the approved amendment.

**B. Land Use Plan (LUP) Conformance**

The Proposed Action complies with the *Lake Havasu Field Office Resource Management Plan* (RMP) approved on May 10, 2007.

The proposed action is in conformance with the applicable LUP because it is specifically provided for in the following LUP decision(s):

LR-31. Smith Peak Communication Site, (CS)-4 Designated, LUP Table 5 page 41.

**C. Identify applicable National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) documents and other related documents that cover the proposed action.**

*EA-AZ-C030-2012-001-EA, Antenna Sites Communications Site Lease; FONSI and DR executed October 31, 2011*

## D. NEPA Adequacy Criteria

**1. Is the new proposed action a feature of, or essentially similar to, an alternative analyzed in the existing NEPA document(s)? Is the project within the same analysis area, or if the project location is different, are the geographic and resource conditions sufficiently similar to those analyzed in the existing NEPA document(s)? If there are differences, can you explain why they are not substantial?**

Yes, the proposed action is essentially similar to the existing use that was analyzed in the existing EA. The current project will require earthwork to be done to install the new tower, equipment shelter and propane tank pad. Yes, the communication site amendment is located approximately 500 feet away and is within the designated area of the Smith Peak Communication Site.

**2. Is the range of alternatives analyzed in the existing NEPA document(s) appropriate with respect to the new proposed action, given current environmental concerns, interests, and resource values?**

Yes. There is no new information regarding environmental concerns, interests or resource values that would change the analysis decision.

**3. Is the existing analysis valid in light of any new information or circumstances (such as, rangeland health standard assessment, recent endangered species listings, and updated lists of BLM-sensitive species)? Can you reasonably conclude that new information and new circumstances would not substantially change the analysis of the new proposed action?**

Yes. There is no new information known or new circumstances have arisen that would change the analysis of the new proposed action compared to the proposed action alternative analyzed in the EA.

**4. Are the direct, indirect, and cumulative effects that would result from implementation of the new proposed action similar (both quantitatively and qualitatively) to those analyzed in the existing NEPA document?**

Yes, the direct, indirect and cumulative impacts of the proposed action are essentially unchanged from the referenced EA since the EA addressed areas of cultural resources, fuels/fire management, invasive and non-native plant species, migratory birds, Native American religious concerns, socioeconomics, soils, threatened or endangered species, vegetation, hazardous or solid waste, and wildlife.

**5. Are the public involvement and interagency review associated with existing NEPA document(s) adequate for the current proposed action?**

Yes. BLM specialists discussed and reviewed the EA. The new tower, equipment shelters and access road have the support of the local users.

## E. Persons/Agencies/BLM Staff Consulted

| <u>Name</u>    | <u>Title</u>       | <u>Resource/Agency Represented</u> |
|----------------|--------------------|------------------------------------|
| Amanda Dodson  | Supervisor         | BLM - LHFO                         |
| Lisa Stapp     | Project Manager    | BLM - LHFO                         |
| George Shannon | Archaeologist      | BLM - LHFO                         |
| Jennifer House | Wildlife Biologist | BLM - LHFO                         |
| Karen McCoy    | Applicant          | Telink Networks Southwest LLC      |

Note: Refer to the EA for a complete list of the team members participating in the preparation of the original environmental analysis or planning documents.

## **Conclusion**

Based on the review documented above, I conclude that this proposal conforms to the applicable land use plan and that the NEPA documentation fully covers the proposed action and constitute BLM's compliance with the requirements of the NEPA.

/s/ Lisa Stapp AUTHENTICATED

Lisa Stapp  
Project Lead

7/11/2014

Date

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David B. Daniels

Planning and Environmental Coordinator

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Date

/s/ Amanda Dodson AUTHENTICATED

Amanda Dodson  
Assistant Field Manager, Lands & Resources

7/14/2014

Date

Note: The signed Conclusion on this Worksheet is part of an interim step in the BLM's internal decision process and does not constitute an appealable decision. However, the lease, permit, or other authorization based on this DNA is subject to protest and appeal under 43 CFR Part 4 and the program-specific regulations.

## DECISION RECORD

**Tracking Number:** DOI-BLM-AZ-C030-2014-0035-DNA

**Description of the Proposed Action:**

Rural Telephone and Paging (Mike Divine) was issued a communication site lease at Smith Peak in 1991. On August 12, 2010, communication site lease AZA 24559 was assigned to Telink Networks Southwest LLC (Telink). On February 9, 2011 communication site lease AZA 24559 was renewed for twenty years and expires February 11, 2031. On March 24, 2014, Telink requested an amendment to their lease to construct a new tower, equipment shelter and access road to neighboring APS communication site on public land. On April 22, 2014 the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) requested a plan of development and engineered drawings. On May 22, 2014, BLM received a plan of development and on June 4, 2014, BLM received engineered drawings.

**LUP Name:** *Lake Havasu Field Office Resource Management Plan*

Date approved: May 10, 2007

Public lands may also be designated for use as a communications site or a communications facility. A communications facility is a building and/or tower or other physical improvement that is built, installed, or established to house and support authorized communications uses. Lake Havasu Field Office communications sites accommodate the wireless systems referred to in the Telecommunications Act of 1996 as well as many other uses, including AM/FM broadcast facilities, commercial mobile radios, private mobile radios, and microwaves on designated communications sites located on mountaintops.

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Based on the analysis of potential environmental impacts contained in the attached Determination of NEPA Adequacy and as analyzed in the previous environmental assessment (EA-AZ-C030-2012-0001) Antenna Sites Communication Site Lease on Smith Peak Communication Site, La Paz County, AZ, I have determined that the action will not have a significant effect on the human environment. An environmental impact statement is therefore not required.

It is my decision to approve the action as proposed.

/s/ Amanda Dodson ACTING AUTHENTICATED

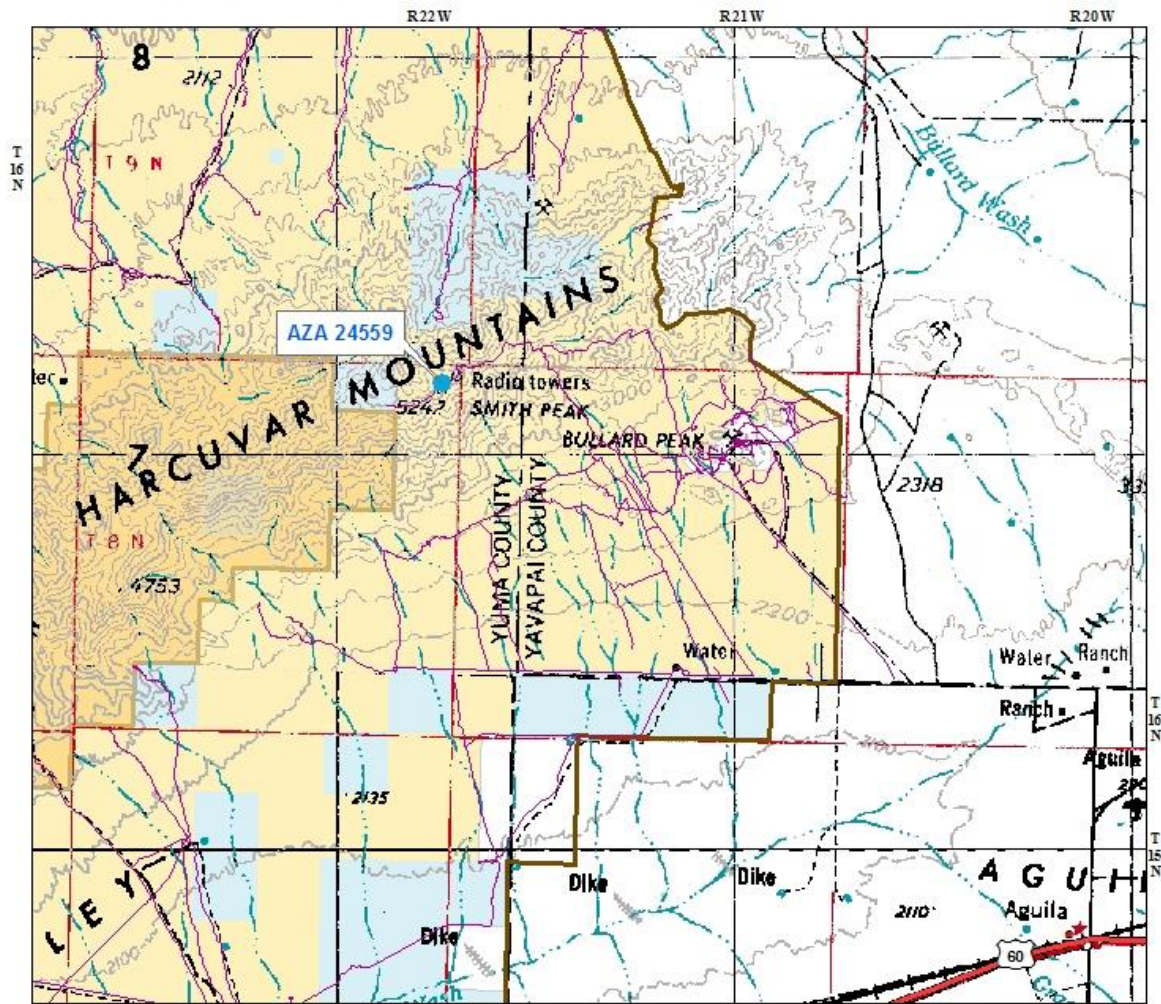
Signature of the Responsible Official

Kimber Liebhauser

Lake Havasu Field Office Manager

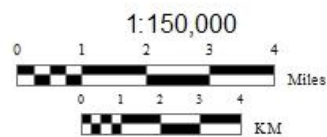
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| Bureau of Land Management (BLM)         | BLM Wilderness Area          |
| USFW Service, National Wildlife Refuges | USFW Service Wilderness Area |
| Indian Lands or Reservations            |                              |
| Private Lands                           |                              |
| State Lands                             |                              |



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Land Status Updated February 20, 2007

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